compared to all-India averages of 6.8 per cent, 6.6 per cent and 7.7 per cent respectively during these three years.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Recruitment of women in Police Forces

*470. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the active consideration of Government to abolish recruitment of women in Police in the country;

(b) if so, whether some State Governments have also approached the Central Government in this regard, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the recruitment of women in police force would be completely stopped and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise. In fact, the Central Government has consistently advised the State Governments to ensure that the strength of women personnel is raised to atleast 10 per cent.

AEZ proposals from Karnataka

*471. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sent any proposals for setting up of Agri-Export Zone for aromatic medicinal and dye plants, grapes, mango, lime, pomegranate and potatoes;

(b) if so, whether any assistance has been given from Government of India; and

(c) if not, by when the proposal would be considered?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.